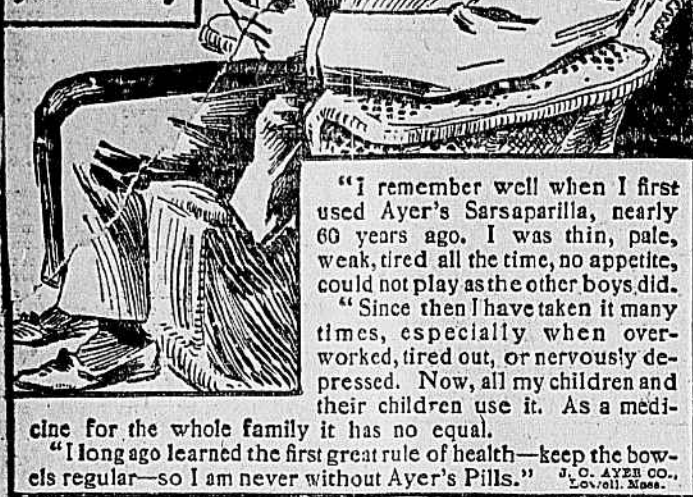


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## ONLY ONE CAPTURED

Four Who Escaped from Chesterfield Jail Still at Large.

LITERARY SOCIETY MEET'G

Dead Recorded in the Clerk's Office

Transferring Valuable Appomattox Property to the Virginia Passenger and Power Company.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHESTERFIELD, VA., January 31.—

Of the five negroes who effected their escape from the jail here on last Sunday afternoon, none have been recaptured and again confined except George Lassiter, who was arrested and brought back on the night of his escape. Mr. Herbert Cogbill, who is the jailer in charge, has been advised that a man is being held by the authorities at Gloucester, Halifax county, answering to the description of one of the men who got away on Sunday, and that that man was the old home of Charlie Ross, alias Boyd, the chances are that Ross, the worst of the criminals at large, has been caught. Descriptions of the men have been sent in all directions with requests that if any are seen they be apprehended at once, and notice be sent to the jailer here, but nothing so far has been learned here except of the arrest of the man supposed to be Ross. It would be very gratifying, however, to know that only Ross was again in custody, as he has against him fearful charges of highway robbery and other crimes, and is much dreaded in some parts of the county as a desperate character.

Mr. Herbert Cogbill, who suffered some severe blows in jail before his prisoners finally broke by him and escaped, has been quite unwell in consequence for several days, and was confined to his room on yesterday.

LITERARY SOCIETY.

A delightful meeting of the Chesterfield Literary and Musical Society was held last evening in the spacious parlor of "Magnolia Grange." A varied and thoroughly interesting programme was rendered, and the success with which the work is being carried on is a source of great satisfaction to those who have worked to establish the society here. The young people of the neighborhood have been invited to meet again on next Tuesday evening to consider plans for beginning a large vocal group which is organized. The programme will be instructed by Mr. Snyder, of Lynchburg, N. Y., who is stopping in Virginia for the winter. Mr. Snyder attended the musical last evening here, and delighted the company with his cornet. Miss Ragby and Mr. Ellison accompanied him with the piano and violin.

The Salem Baptist Church will give an entertainment in the courthouse on next Friday night to raise money for the purchase of a new organ for their church. The programme will be rendered by local talent.

Mrs. B. H. Frith, who has been under Dr. McIlwaine's care in Petersburg for several weeks, and who had improved very much, is reported as having sustained a slight relapse.

Captain E. H. Plourde left here on Thursday to attend the funeral of his son-in-law, Mr. Joseph E. La Prade, who died at the Union Hotel, in Richmond, on last Wednesday night from apoplexy by gas.

DEED RECORDED.

A deed was recorded in the clerk's office this week from the Matocsa Manufacturing Company to the Virginia Passenger and Power Company, conveying 16 acres of land in Chesterfield county, near Matocsa, and a number of small islands in the Appomattox River. The consideration mentioned was the sum of \$25,000.

Miss Gertrude Sims, of Norfolk, Va., is visiting Mrs. P. V. Cogbill, and expects to remain in the county for several weeks.

The hard wind on yesterday came near unroofing the beautiful soldiers' monument before the time the monument committee proposed to have the ceremony performed, as the lack of the wind, which was very strong here, the monument would probably not be unveiled before the month of May or June.

LEAKE FENCE LAW

In York County it is Regarded as Better Than the Present Statute.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

YORKTOWN, VA., January 31.—The Leake fence law is much discussed in the lower portion of the county. The people of Powhatan District are interested in this matter and favor the bill becoming a State law, the fence law as it is today being considered a decided nuisance.

A triangular fight for Commonwealth's Attorney of York, which has

## FIREMEN AT BLACKSTONE

The Question of License or no License up for Discussion.

GOOD ROADS MOVEMENT

A Rare Treat is Anticipated on Friday

Night, February 7th, When Hon. C.

T. Allen, of Mexico, Mo., Will Deliver His Famous Lecture.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BLACKSTONE, VA., Jan. 31.—With the completion of the water works for the town, which will be in a short time, now, and the advantages they will give for fire protection, the need of an organized fire company was felt.

One of the first acts of the new organized Board of Trade was to request the young men to organize a volunteer fire company. This was responded to promptly and a meeting was held for the purpose in the town hall on Thursday night.

Between twenty-five and thirty enrolled their names as members and a temporary organization was perfected. Another meeting will be held next Thursday night for adopting the by-laws and perfecting an organization.

It is the intention of the members to give an entertainment at an early date to help to raise funds for equipping the company. The town council is also expected to make an appropriation, and with private subscriptions a nice sum is expected to be realized.

A rare treat is anticipated by the people of this section on Friday night next, February 6th, when Hon. C. T. Allen, of Mexico, Mo., will deliver his famous lecture on "The Confederate Soldier in History."

The lecturer is a native of Lunenburg county and was a gallant and fearless Confederate soldier, being the captain of one of the companies furnished by that county to the Confederacy. He is now a citizen of Missouri and a member of the State Senate. He will doubtless have a large crowd out to hear him.

LIQUOR LICENSE.

A question that is of much local interest here now is that of liquor or no license in the town. Sufficient signatures have been secured and presented to the county judge, asking that an election be held for the entire county. A counter petition has also been presented, asking that this place be exempted in the general election.

The grounds for this latter are that under the amended charter of the town, which amendment was passed at last year's session of the Legislature, an election is to be held here every year, at the time the town officers are elected, as to whether or not liquor license shall be granted.

This is felt by the latter petitioners, should be sufficient so "as the town is concerned and good lawyers say that this election will have to govern regardless of the election for the whole county.

Another reason is that the revenue here from the three saloons is fifteen hundred dollars, five hundred from each. In order to meet the new obligations of the town arising from the building of water works, a subscription voted to a new railroad, more revenue will be needed, and this fifteen hundred dollars would help very considerably in keeping taxes down.

No doubt is felt by the prohibitionist that the county will go dry, but that is much more than regards the town, many thinking it will go wet for the reasons stated above.

There is no doubt that strong fights will be made by both sides and much bitterness engendered as is always the case in contests of this sort.

The bakery and candy business here, which has been run by Mr. J. A. DeShazer for the past several years, has been incorporated under the style of Enterprise Bakery and Candy Company. Mr. C. A. Hamlett is president; Mr. J. A. DeShazer, vice-president, and Mr. Benjamin Morris, secretary and treasurer. The business is to be greatly enlarged and other markets sought for the products.

GOOD ROADS WANTED.

The farmers of this section are awakening to the necessity of better roads. A regularly organized club of the most prosperous and progressive have taken the matter up here and have petitioned the Board of Supervisors regarding the matter. In a communication published in the local paper here this week they discuss the subject very clearly and make several recommendations which, should they be heeded, is felt would result in great benefits. They do not hesitate to ask that their taxes be increased as they recognize that only by this can their desire for better roads be secured.

Mr. L. C. Carter, who conducts a large furniture business here, is moving into his new quarters, which have just been completed for his use. The building is a very handsome one and was erected by H. L. Jackson.

Mrs. Sam. Bondurant, of Prince Edward county, is visiting Mrs. W. A. Land.

Captain J. M. Harris spent a few days of this week in Baltimore.

Mrs. L. G. Wells and daughter, Miss Allie, of Petersburg, are the guests of Mrs. G. L. Bradshaw.

DANVILLE TOBACCO

The Past Week Marked by an Improvement in the Market.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

DANVILLE, VA., January 31.—The past week has been marked by an improvement in the tobacco market in this city. While the sales have not been as large as they were before Christmas, they have been large and larger than was expected, and show a gradual increase. The past week has been larger than any time the holidays. The prices have been good and the offerings have been up to the average.

Mr. E. J. Bryan, buyer for the American Tobacco Company on the Milton, N. C., market, was on the breaks during the past week and was very agreeably surprised at the amounts of tobacco sold here at this time, when nearly all the other markets had closed down. Danville still holds her reputation as the largest loose leaf tobacco market in the United States.

Mr. R. S. Critcher, of Martin county, N. C., was on the breaks Friday with the largest lot of tobacco ever brought here for sale by one farmer. He had 3,500 pounds, and it was all good tobacco and netted him quite a handsome sum.

The completion of the new stemmy of the American Tobacco Company is furnishing employment to all who want to work. The addition of the immense plant of the American Company here will place Danville in the foremost ranks, not only as a loose leaf market, but as a manufacturing city as well.

Rapidly Improving.

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## A Fine Showing of New Dress Goods and Silks for Spring

It's not at all necessary to have exclusive things to have the best. Exclusiveness very often springs from inferiority. Note what our Dress Goods buyer says below about the WOOL CREPE DE CHINE for 69c. He only asks comparison with the same fabric at higher prices elsewhere:

That's fair, isn't it?

Same way with all of our Dress Fabrics, whether of wool or silk.

When they're exclusively ours it's the exclusiveness of a high quality.

We don't want them if they are not.

It'll be worth your while to look at the window and store display of these beautiful spring goods anyway, even if your mind is not fixed on purchasing.

### DRESS GOODS.

Mistral Suitings, \$1.00.

42 inches wide, hard-twisted yarns, some with little knots, others overwrought with a self-colored, almost invisible plaid, something new and stylish in Black as well as the colors.

Wool Crepe De Chine, 69c.

crepe, in a wide range of colorings, 42 inches wide, all wool, soft and We ask you to compare this cloth with any you can find elsewhere for 75c or even 85c per yard.

### Curtains and Portieres.

A pretty Curtain or Portiere gives a delightful touch to a room, and when that daintiness can be secured at so little cost no home should be without them.

FIVE DOLLARS to-morrow buys a pair of Fine Hand-Made Irish Point Curtains, 3 1/2 yards long, that sold for \$10. Reduced just one-half, you see.

\$2.50 for White and Arabian Lace Curtains, made on Scotch Net, 3 1/2 yards long—a special price on these Curtains.

Fifty designs in Tapestry Portieres at \$4.50 the pair. Oriental and Floral Patterns, 3 and 3 1/2 yards long.

Some Pictures at Bargain Prices Colored Photographs of very attractive subjects.

The frames are of heavy gilt and alone worth almost the cost of the picture.

23x27 inches, 80c. There's a 4-inch frame on these pictures.

28x30 inches, \$1.75. Five and a half inch heavy frames.

A Little Talk on Blankets and Comforts

These are reduced in price because the middle point of winter has been passed—by the almanac.

Last week's varying weather showed you he need of 'em, though.

\$4.00 Blankets for \$3.00

Silvery grays, with Pink, Blue and Red borders, all-wool filled and large sizes—72x84 inches.

\$5.00 Blankets for \$4.00

Some folks like the Scarlet Blankets better than any others—the kind we offer to-morrow for \$4.00 are all-wool medicated 11-14 size, wide silk bound borders and a \$5.00 quality.

\$2.00 Comforts for \$1.50

white cotton filled, covered with silkoline of all colors, 72x78 inches.

\$1.50 Comforts for \$1.00

light weight and filled with pure white cotton, all in one sheet—zephyr ticking keeps it that way.

New Jackets for Spring Wear

English Covert Cloth, dressy looking and unexcelled for wearing qualities. others tight-fitting.

The seams are strapped—sleeves made Bishop style for those that like that kind—others with coat sleeve.

Linings of taffeta or satin. These jackets are very trim and jaunty-looking, and at the same time the prices are low for the quality and tailoring—\$5.98, \$7.50, \$8.50, \$9.98.

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Cream Dress Goods, 12 1-2 to \$1.50.

Our stock of Cream Dress Goods is the most varied and select we have ever had, embracing Mohairs, Crepes, Etamines, Violes, Mistral, Nette, Hindoo Cords, Bedford Cords, Henriettes, Cashmeres, Serges, Cheviots, Canvas, Sail Cloth, Diagonals, and Danish Cloth.

Hair-Line Cords, 50c.

27 inches wide, something new for apron waists and shirt-waist suits, in Black and colors.

French Violes, \$1.00.

42 inches wide, pure worsted, in Royal Blue, Light Navy, Brown, Cardinal, Cadet, Reseda, Cream and Turquoise.

### SILKS.

Two Specials in Black Moire Velours. 27 inches wide, 75c.

36 inches wide, 85c.

Hair-Line Striped Taffetas, 59c.

Shepherd's Checks, 59c.

Changeable Stripes, 75c.

Pin Dot Glace Taffetas, 85c.

Louise Checks, 75c.

The above are the newest styles in Silks for shirt-waist suits, and remind us of the old-fashioned Summer Silks, such as our grandmothers used to wear.

## New Tailor-Made Gowns For the Spring.

When the Tailor-Made Suit first appeared on the scene many a woman shrank from wearing one, on account of their extreme plainness, notwithstanding the natty effect they've always had.

The princess has gradually disappeared and our new Spring Suits this year are models of elegance and grace, a particularly neat appearance being presented by some of the jackets, which lie flat around the neck.

A Cheviot Suit, strictly all wool, has an unlined skirt with nine gores. The jacket is slightly bloused, collarless, Bishop sleeves, double cape, full Peplum back, taffeta lined, and both jacket and skirt trimmed with taffeta piping, \$35.00.

Another Suit with an unlined skirt is an All-Wool Venetian. Jacket is flat around the neck, has a Peplum back, and is lined with taffeta—\$17.50.

An All-Wool Cheviot Suit has a trimmed skirt made with the new yoke effect, which takes away the full appearance of the new spring skirts.

The jacket is lined with taffeta and made with cape collars, which give a bolero effect to the garment—\$20.00.

## Our New Spring Patterns in White and Wash Goods

Why should you purchase Wash Stuffs in February, and particularly our goods? Well, the assortments are as good as ever they'll be. The prices as low as at any time, until probably mid-summer. You've lots of time to make them up, and best of all, you can get the finest qualities in spring weaves at this store. Prices alone convey very little. Look at the FABRICS which our prices represent.

### White Goods

New Oxford Cloth, 34 inches wide, 15c.

Fine Corded Madras, 32 inches wide, 10c.

Novelties in Stripes and Figures, including the popular serpentine effect, very stylish, 10c.

New Figured Madras, in a line of beautiful designs, 15c.

Fleece-Lined Pique, in fancy weaves, for shirt-waists and children's spring coats, 25c.

Novelty Oxford Waist Cloth, 33c.

Fine Mercerized Damask Waist Cloth, 50c.

### Wash Goods

Mercerized Oxford Cloth, in the new Black and White checks, very desirable, 25c.

The New Cheviot Cloth, White grounds, with very stylish colored designs, 12 1/2c.

Fine quality of Colored Madras, in a line of beautiful spring colorings, 12 1/2c.

Percales, in light and dark colors, yard wide, 7 1/2c.

The New Spring Dress Gingham, in a large assortment of styles, 8 1/2c.

Fine Imported Novelties

In Mercerized Oxfords, plain and fancy weaves, and Black and White stripes and checks, 50c per yard.

## Bedding Material That Is First Class

We might say a lot about this bedding material, ready-made or in the piece, but all we'll say is that every item advertised is as good material as we could purchase for the money, and the sheets particularly are low-priced, as we bought heavily in this line, anticipating the raise in prices which have already arrived. You can judge to-morrow just how price and quality compare.

### Sheets.

63x90 inches for 30c

72x90 inches for 45c

81x90 inches for 50c

90x90 inches for 55c

### Gr b Sheets.

45x75 inches, 20c.

### Pillow Cases.

42x26 inches, plain, 9c.

42x36 inches, hemstitched, 12 1/2c.

### Bleached Sheeting.

9-4 size, 16c. per yard

10-4 size, 20c. per yard.

### Unbleached Sheeting.

9-4 size, 15c. per yard.

10-4 size, 16c. per yard.

11-4 size, 21c. per yard.

Bleached and Unbleached Casing, 42 inches wide, 10c. per yard.

Miller & Rhoads

## GETTING READY FOR ANNIVERSARY

All is Bustle Now With the Railroad Y. M. C. A.—Rev. R.

M. Maxey to Speak.

The Old Dominion Lodge, No. 88, Brotherhood Railroad Trainmen, made the Main Street Station, Railroad Department Young Men's Christian Association, a beautiful present the past week. They had their chart placed in a very fine frame, and hung it in the rooms of the Association.

The members of the Old Dominion Lodge are showing the most hearty appreciation of the company's appropriation for the betterment of the Railroad Department Young Men's Christian Association. One member of the trainmen